

CDC's Vision of the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program

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Environmental Public Health Tracking

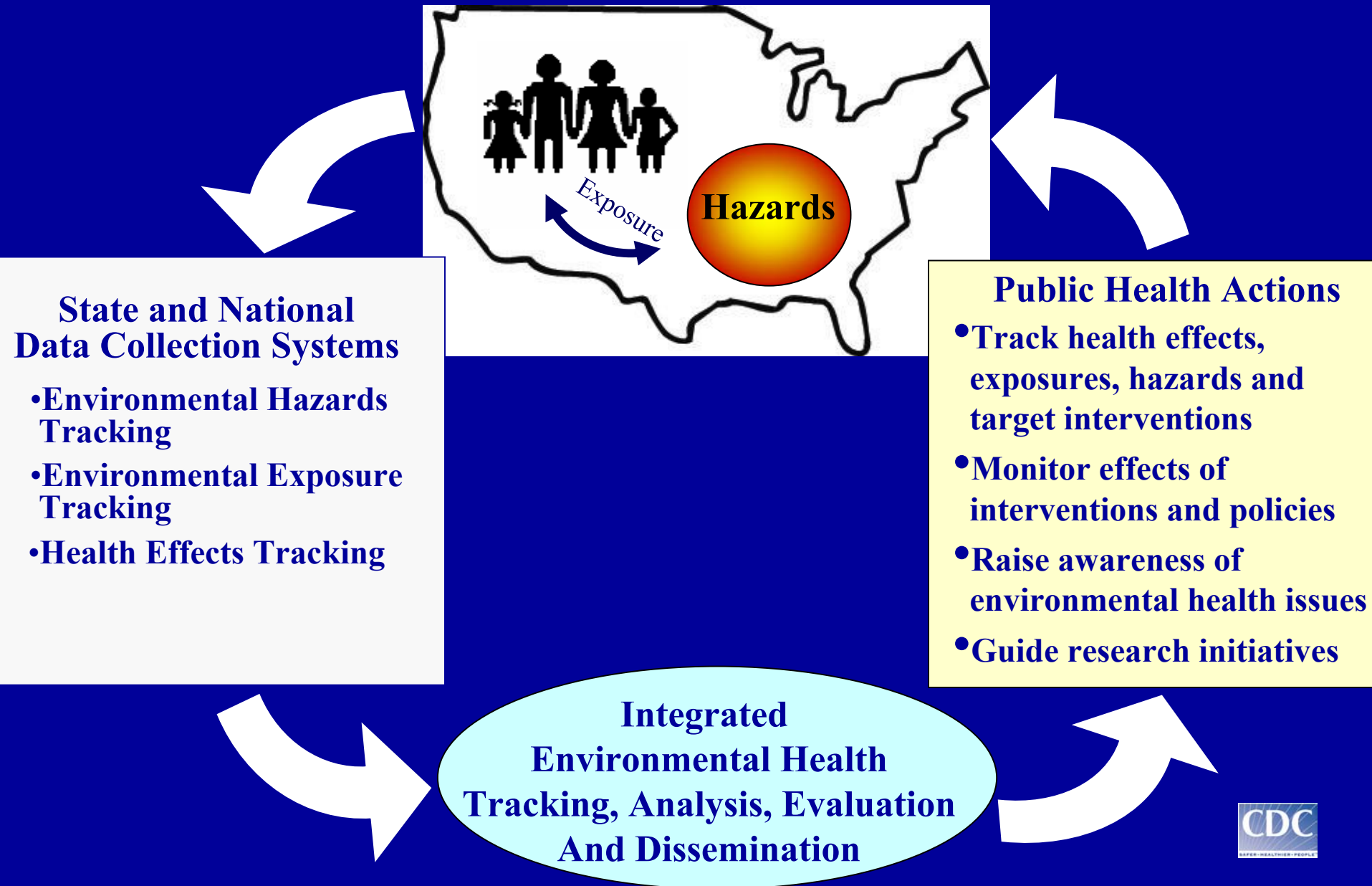


*Building a
bridge
between
health and
environment*

Environmental Public Health Tracking: Background

- **Pew Environmental Health Commission**
 - 2001 report issues a call for action to fill America's environmental public health gap
- **CDC convened tracking network workgroups 2001-2002**
- **Environmental Public Health Tracking Program initiated in 2002**

What is Environmental Public Health Tracking?



CDC Program Goal

Develop and implement comprehensive programs in all 50 states, DC, the U.S. territories, among tribal nations and at the national level.

- **A coordinated, integrated, standards –based Tracking Network**
- **Improved, sustainable public health resources**
- **Mechanisms for data dissemination**



Program Priorities

- **Chronic diseases and other health effects with possible environmental etiology**
- **Chemicals, physical agents, biomechanical stressors, biological toxins**
- **Focus determined by HP 2010, Pew Report, State priorities**
- **Part of PHIN**
- **Capacity to exchange data with EPA's National Environmental Information Exchange Network**

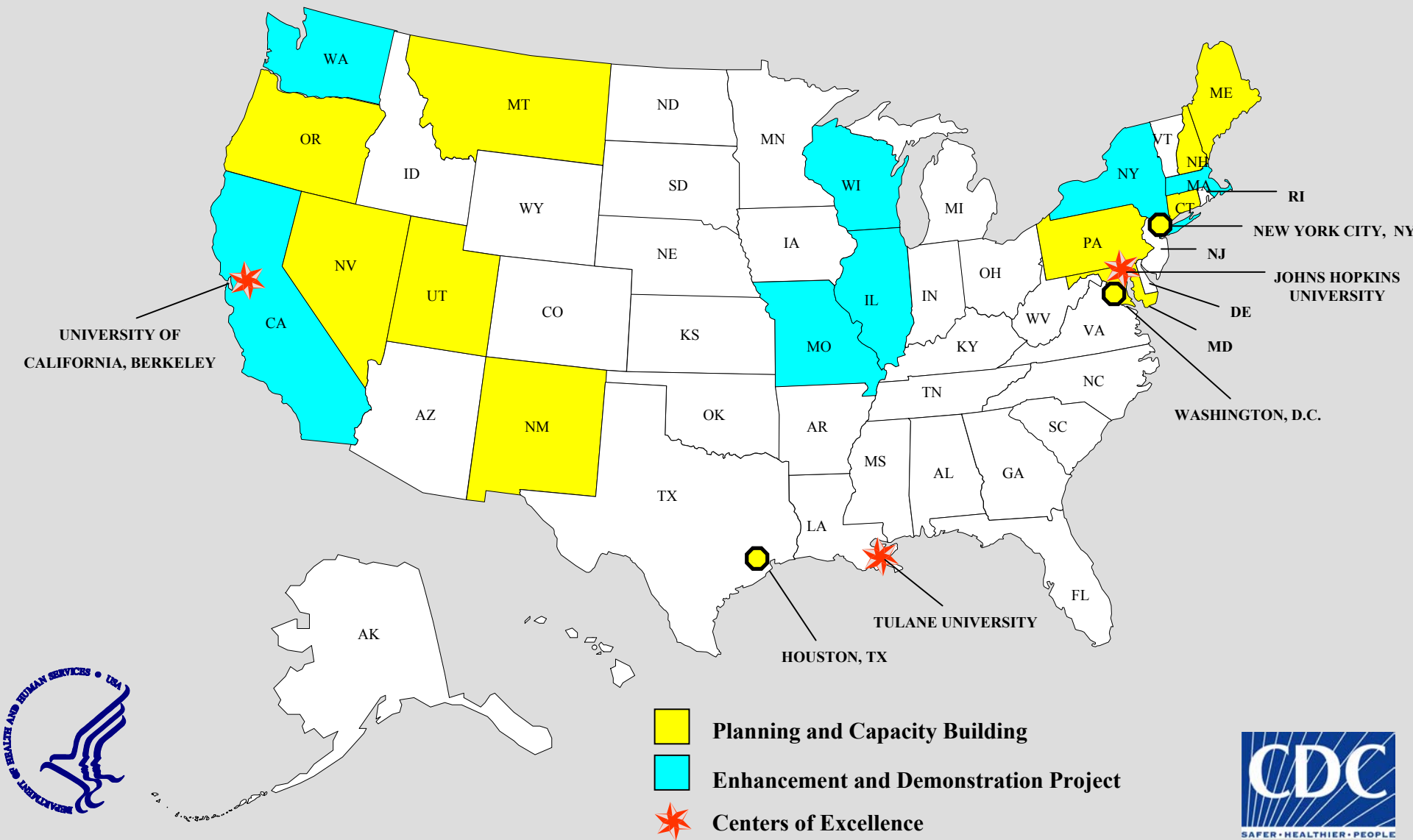
Effects of a Strong Environmental Public Health Tracking Network



Environmental Public Health Tracking: Program Components



The National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program - 2002



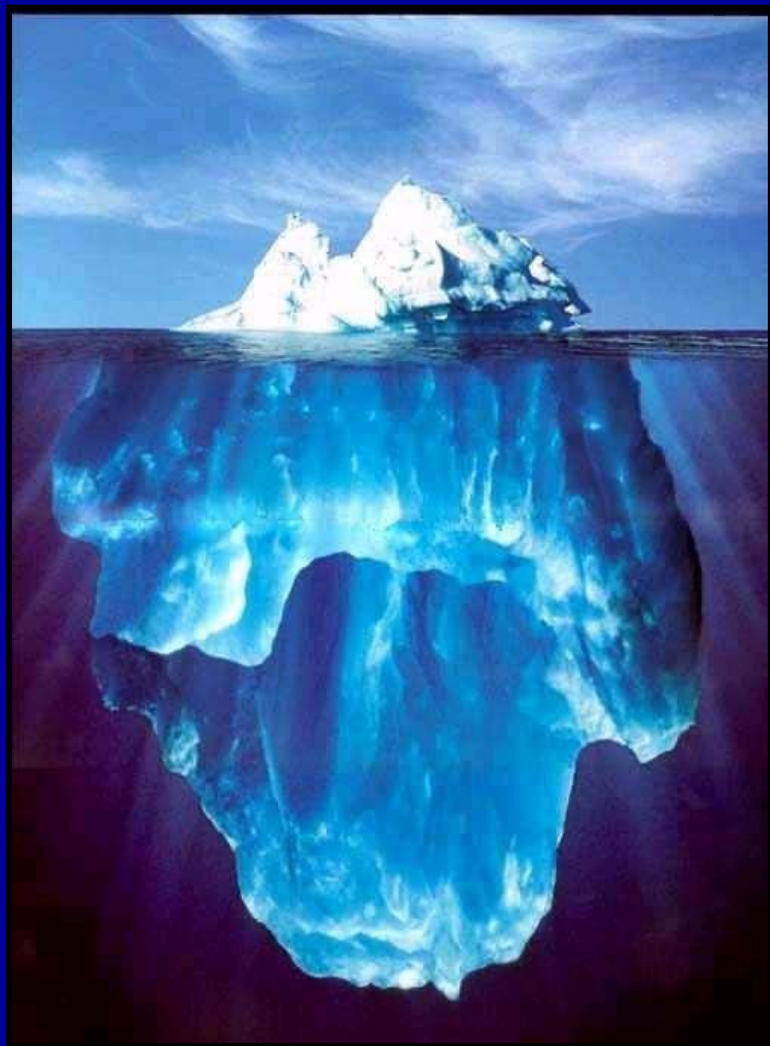
State/Local Pilot Projects

- **Funded at two levels – A & B**
- **Require collaboration between State/local health and environmental agencies**
- **Select Activities include:**
 - **Evaluate existing databases / prioritize needs**
 - **Develop/enhance surveillance systems (health, exposure, hazard)**
 - **Assess utility of CDC/CSTE Environmental Public Health Indicators**
 - **Participate in standards development workgroups**
 - **Data linkage/utilization/evaluation projects – Part B states only**

Centers of Excellence

- **Support state/local pilot projects**
- **Specific activities:**
 - **Collaborative efforts with State/Local HD:**
 - Epidemiologic study
 - Indicators
 - Communication strategies
 - Training
 - Network conceptualization/standards development
 - **Methods Development:**
 - Surveillance
 - Linkage
 - Statistical Algorithms

What's Next?



- 2003 appropriations
- New program announcement
- New partnerships
- Work with EPA
- Draft implementation plan
- Communications strategies